

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-79. (Cancelled)

80. (Previously Presented) A method for conducting electronic transactions with any of a plurality of merchants over a network, the method comprising:

at a consumer information server:

receiving a connection request based on a communication from a merchant computer which has compiled purchase information based on a request for a consumer transaction,

determining whether the consumer information server contains registration information to complete the consumer transaction with the merchant computer,

if the consumer information server does not have the registration information, sending a request for the registration information,

receiving registration information in response to the request, the registration information including a consumer identification number, a consumer electronic mail address, and consumer payment information, and

storing the registration information for use in subsequent consumer transactions so that the consumer does not have to register separately with respective merchants.

81. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~80~~93, wherein the electronic mail message includes purchase information associated with the electronic transaction.

82. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 81, wherein the purchase information includes a merchant computer uniform resource locator.

83. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~80~~93, wherein the electronic mail message includes connection software to generate the connection request.
84. (Cancelled) The method of claim 80, wherein the link includes an Internet address of the consumer information server.
85. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~84~~80, wherein the connection request includes the Internet address of the consumer information server.
86. (Cancelled) The method of claim 80, wherein the registration information includes a consumer electronic mail address.
87. (Previously presented) The method of claim 80, wherein the registration information includes a consumer passphrase.
88. (Cancelled) The method of claim 87, wherein the registration information includes consumer payment information.
89. (Previously presented) The method of claim 87, wherein the registration information includes a consumer shipping address.
90. (Previously presented) The method of claim 89, wherein the registration information includes a consumer shipping method.
91. (Previously presented) The method of claim 80, further comprising:
at the consumer information server:
checking the registration information for errors; and
sending a cookie.
92. (Previously presented) The method of claim 80, further comprising:
at the consumer information server:

sending an electronic mail message indicating that the registration information was stored.

93. (Previously presented) A method for conducting electronic transactions over a network, comprising:

at a merchant computer:

sending a first electronic mail message having a link including an Internet address of a consumer information server; and

at the consumer information server:

determining whether a consumer is registered with the consumer information server,

if the consumer is not registered with the consumer information server,

sending a request for registration information in response to a connection request,

receiving registration information in response to the request, the registration information including a consumer identification number, a consumer electronic mail address and a consumer passphrase,

storing the registration information for use in subsequent consumer transactions so that the consumer does not have to register separately with respective merchants, and

sending, a second electronic mail message indicating that the registration information was stored.

94. (New) The method of claim 93, wherein the first electronic mail message includes purchase information associated with the electronic transaction.

95. (New) The method of claim 94, wherein the purchase information includes a merchant computer uniform resource locator.

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96. (New) The method of claim 93, wherein the first electronic mail message includes connection software to generate the connection request.